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## PUBLIC SCHOOL GARDENS.

The cultivation of the love of nature and the beautiful in children ought to be a constituent part of their school training, and can easily be made such by systematic training in gardening. The school grounds themselves furnish an admirable field for the education of the boys and girls in this respect, says the Post-Intelligencer.

The worse condition they are in to start with the greater the opportunity to impress the needed lessons. Do not, in such a case, make the pupils feel that they are "fixing up" the grounds, but rather that they are redeeming them from what should be freely admitted to be a disgraceful condition and restoring them to the beauty that should be their natural possession.

An excellent plan is to submit the general scheme of improvement to the children themselves. Ask them to present rough outline sketches of how they think the grounds would look best, marking the positions of shrubs and flower beds and writing in the names of the flowers and shrubs. Supplement these with two or three plans of your own and then let them vote as to which plan they prefer.

Of course, if any of the plans show marked violations of the rules of harmony in color or proportions, point out these violations and have them rectified, but give the children all the latitude of choice consistent with good taste.

Then set them to work and let them do all the work themselves under the supervision of the teachers. As they go along it will be easy to teach them more of the structure of plants and the laws of their nourishment, growth and propagation that they will remember than could ever be taught from books.

Wherever the experiment has been tried the amount of interest and pride in their work that has developed among the children has surprised even the most sanguine promoters of the plan.

Another capital plan is to give those children who want them little gardens of their own. These may be in vacant lots whose owners' permission can usually easily be secured, or perhaps in portions of the public parks or play grounds. In and around Boston this plan is very extensively adopted, with the happiest results. The individual gardens there are very small, ranging from 10x4 to 4x4 feet, and yet the children have obtained some surprising results from these tiny plots.

If a garden is neglected it is taken away from the small gardener and given to another, and amusing and pathetic tales are told of the fearful grief over such confiscations. Each boy or girl is allowed to raise what he or she pleases, but regular visits for inspection and advice are made by the teachers.

## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

As a matter of course all addresses delivered at the Mohonk conference on international arbitration were infused by a cheerful and almost a glowing optimism. That fact to a large extent weakens their value when judged from the standpoint of reason. It does not, however, destroy their value altogether. Some of them were made by men of such well balanced minds that no optimism could betray them into a blind enthusiasm for any cause whatever, and as a consequence will be found encouraging even to those friends of international peace who are least sanguine of seeing it realized in any measurable time.

The address of Judge George Gray, for example, was by no means that of a mere dreamer of dreams. In the course of his busy life he has had a long and varied experience in dealing with large international issues. In addition to his service as United States senator from Delaware, he served as a member of the peace commission in Paris in 1898, was a member of the joint high commission at Quebec in the same year and in 1900 was appointed one of the four American representatives in the international court of arbitration at The Hague. When a man of that character and standing speaks on an international issue we may be sure his arguments are well considered and his conclusions well founded. It is, therefore, gratifying that his address was not only a plea for peace but a statement of a firm conviction that it is quite likely to be attained at no far distant time.

After reviewing the whole subject Judge Gray said: "The establishment and continued existence

of the permanent court of international arbitration will make it more difficult in the future than it has been in the past for nations to engage in war. I believe that its influence will grow slowly but steadily and that each resort to its decisions will tend to form and strengthen the habit of looking thitherward to settle international difficulties by an appeal to reason instead of by an appeal to arms."

An equally important utterance on the subject was that of Dr. Trueblood, secretary of the peace society, who after citing the Venezuelan arbitration and the Alaskan award, recounted the treaties of arbitration concluded between Great Britain and France, France and Italy, Great Britain and Italy, Holland and Denmark, Great Britain and Spain, France and Spain and France and Holland. He concluded by saying:

"The movement which led to these treaties has not yet spent itself. France is in negotiation with a number of other governments, some of them in South America, for similar agreements. Within the last month it has become known that Norway has commenced negotiations for arbitration treaties with no less than ten governments. It is known that several of the powers of western Europe have approached our government with proposals for treaties of arbitration similar to those already concluded in Europe."

Facts of that kind count for something. They show that despite the armaments of the nations and the wars now going on the tendency of civilization is toward peace.

## LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRACY.

Because of the rather extensive contest for the honor attached to the democratic presidential nomination, the St. Louis gathering will be the political event of interest prior to the election itself. The work of the Chicago gathering admits of no doubt as to the outcome; President Roosevelt will be chosen as the standard bearer. Down at St. Louis on the glorious Fourth the various aspirants will fight out their uncertain battle. A brief resume of the prominent men who will line up for the several candidates appears in the July number of Success, from the pen of Robert Adamson, who says in part:

In the first place, it should be stated that the personnel of the democratic convention will be vastly changed. In a double sense, the assembly will pass the party from one generation to another. It will transfer the issues as well as the reins, and the foremost parts in that gathering, which now promises to be historic for the party, will be played either by actors entirely new or by those who have been relegated to obscurity for eight years. Four years ago, the only wish consulted was Mr. Bryan's, and he governed the convention from Kansas City at his pleasure. This year, reduced to the ranks, he will lead the remnant of his following which Mr. Hearst has been able to hold together. It will be a curious situation, presenting the broadest contrasts. On one side of the hall, under the flag of the radical young editor-candidate, will be ranged such famous lights of other days, survivors of the Bryan idea and the populist party, as the fiery and flowery General James B. Weaver, twice a candidate for the presidency himself; the vociferous Alexander Troup, the fighting New Haven editor, and friend of Bryan "in the enemy's country;" James M. Griggs of Georgia, James G. Johnson, the national committeeman from Kansas; John J. Fitzgerald, the flaming young radical from Rhode Island, and a host of mining and agricultural statesmen and doctrinaire publicists whose dearest antipathy is the money-ridden east.

On the other side, probably in control at the opening, will sit the men who have been politically submerged for eight years—David B. Hill, who was hissed and howled at at Chicago, and who was ignored at Kansas City; the white-haired, Grecian-cast German, who has been patiently biding his time for eight years and is still young in the hope of the presidency; the gruff and uncompromising Smith of New Jersey, the exponent of Cleveland and unrelenting foe of every shade of radicalism; James M. Guffey, the coal millionaire of Pennsylvania and proprietor of his party in that state, who has also waited for Bryan to subside; Henry G. Davis, the picturesque and rugged millionaire ex-senator from West Virginia, who has returned to politics at 83 years of age to celebrate the return of the party to "sanity;" William F. Sheehan of New York, who bolted Bryan and is managing Parker; and all the rest of the list of "reorganizer" leaders who have held such paltry roles in party management for the past eight years.

Of new figures who will be potent factors, there are many. John Sharp Williams, the trenchant, humorous, brilliant democratic leader in the lower house of congress, will be prominent in the coming convention. His nomination for vice president is not one of the remotest of the possibilities of that gathering. He has been the issuermaker in the session of congress which has just closed, and it is judgement of both parties that he has done his work better than any predecessor in that position in many years. Williams is a little man, with frowzy brown hair that overhangs his forehead, a dark-brown mustache, and no disposition to give himself the airs which are usually associated with a southern statesman. He is distinctly a new type of southern leader.

## JUST FOR INSTANCE.

The elephant is loose in Chicago!

How will Roosevelt and Fairbanks sound?

It looks now as though Hitt wouldn't make one!

And Speaker Cannon is liable to explode again!

We don't intend to vote for Fairbanks if he gets that vice presidential nomination away from MISTER Hardesty!

How surprised (?) Roosevelt will be to learn that he has been nominated!

Rickety, rickety, rough and ready; what in the h— is the matter with Teddy?

The democrats don't care—they have one of their own coming in the near future!

Hanna's face is missing, but his spirit moves the convention!

Senator Beveridge will write a magazine article on that!

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## CAN'T COMPETE WITH RUSSIA.

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George Weise, in July Success.

It may be interesting to know that within Russia's domain the Standard Oil Company is meeting some of the most serious opposition of its long life of plunder. This giant trust supplies over 90 per cent of the foreign demand for oil. It has competed with the large oil interests of Russia, which are controlled by the Rothschilds and the Nobel Brothers, but it has never overpowered them. This is due to the Russian laws regulating foreign trade interests. The Standard Oil Company controls the export price everywhere in the world except within the limits of Russian territory, where competition has not been stifled. Russia is just as rich in petroleum products as is the United States, and but for the power of the Standard Oil Company they would be supplied to America by Russian producers. Russia protects her oil industry by a 200 per cent tariff; the United States puts oil on the free list. The czar is not responsible for this state of affairs. The power of the Rothschilds carried it into effect. These astute financiers pictured to the bureaucracy the infinite horror of an American trust slowly eating its way into the very center of public recognition by supplying a staple commodity at a fluctuating price. The Rothschilds told the bureaucrats that if the Standard Oil Company should become as powerful in Russia as in America, it would only add to the ever-burning fires of internal mistrust and rebellion in one way or another. For that reason the Russian government created the high tariff and permitted the Rothschilds and the Nobel Brothers to almost monopolize its oil industry.

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